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Announcement Of New System

Quotas will be granted by Government for certain classes of imports into Hong Kong. These quotas will take into account the total exchange available for the commodity and the previous trade done in that commodity by the applicant.

This was announced by Government yesterday evening in the form of a long release to the Press entitled "System for Allocating Exchange for Imports to be Modified." The Government statement reads as follows:—

Flood Of Soviet Propaganda

Over 100 "powerful" Soviet radio stations now broadcast in 30 foreign languages, the Soviet Monitor said today in an article reprinted from the Moscow newspaper "Pravda."

In addition, Soviet stations broadcast in 70 languages used by the Russians, the article said, quoting from a speech by Soviet Communications Minister Konstantin Sergeichev.

Sergeichev's speech marked today's celebration of Radio Day throughout the Soviet Union. He said 28 new radio stations had opened operations in the first year of the new five-year plan.

Sergeichev said 21 radio, telegraph and telephone, and two radiophone lines had been opened together with nine international radio lines.

He said the 28 new stations included installations at Leningrad, Riga, Stalingrad, Kuibyshev and Alma Ata.

Observers in London noted that the 70 mentioned languages within the Soviet Union included several languages also used outside Russia. They pointed to Tajik, used both in Russia and the surrounding areas beyond the Soviet border, as well as Azerbaijani Turk, spoken in Russia and Iran.—United Press.

Important Search Ruling

Washington, May 8. In a sharp five-to-four split, the United States Supreme Court ruled this week that officers searching an arrested man's home for instruments of crime may seize evidence to convict him on an entirely different crime if they happen to find it.

The court held that the search was justified as an incident to the man's arrest. The decision said that the evidence actually found showed a crime being committed in the presence of the officers. It was immaterial, the court held, that this evidence was unrelated to the arrest.

The dissenters contended that the ruling destroys the protection of search and seizure provisions of the constitution and offers "serious threats to the basic liberties."—Associated Press.

Rangoon, May 7. The Burma Government, in a communique today, announced the lifting of the ban on the export of silver, which is at present exportable under Government license, only subject to tariff duty of three annas per troy ounce.—Reuters.

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BRITAIN AND CHINA

London, May 7. Mr. Bevin, Foreign Minister, rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that the British Government should take steps to promote a settlement in the Chinese civil war.

Mr. Bevin said, "No. Much as we deplore the continuance of the Chinese civil war, we regard it as entirely a Chinese domestic affair, in which the British Government cannot properly interfere."—Reuters.

Americans Reported Executed

Nanking, May 8. Six Americans were among 20 persons shot and killed by the Communists before their evacuation from Wayao-pao, former Communist military base in northern Shensi, Central News learned from reliable sources today.

Wayao-pao was recaptured by General Hu Chung-nan's forces on March 3. According to these sources, which had made investigations, the 20 prisoners, including six Americans, were taken from the jail of the Border-Region High Court where they were detained, to a village in the western suburbs of Wayao-pao where they were "executed" by firing squads.

Their remains were interned on the spot.—Central News.

Parliament Breaks A Record

London, May 8. Weary, unshaven and bleary-eyed, members of Parliament left the House of Commons at 10 a.m. having celebrated the second anniversary of V-E Day by breaking this parliament's record for the longest sitting.

They met at 12.30 p.m. (GMT) yesterday and spent 21 hours discussing the conscription bill. When the debate ended at 9.29 a.m. they had disposed of just over half the clauses set as the target for the evening's work yesterday by the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander.

The ending of the debate meant that members had a less than four hours break before today's session began at 12.30 p.m.—Reuters.

Labour Hold Jarrow

Jarrow, May 8. The Government held the seat of Jarrow, Tyneside ship-building town, as a result of the by-election announced this afternoon.

Mr. Ernest Pennyhough, 38-year-old trade union organiser, was returned with a majority of 7,616 in a three-cornered contest.

The figures were: Pennyhough, 20,694; Mr. W. Scott (Conservative), 49-year-old Tyneside industrialist, 18,078; and M. W. Moody, Independent Socialist (29-year-old clerk), 1,114.

The by-election was caused by the death of Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of Education, who at the general election in 1945 had a majority of 11,000 over the Liberal National (anti-Socialist) candidate.—Reuters.

Mine Tragedy In Yorkshire

Barnsley, May 7. Nine miners, several only 15 years old, were killed and 25 were injured when Britain's first major pit catastrophe since the Government took over the mines last January struck at noon today and an explosion 720 feet underground sent a sheet of flame roaring throughout the tunnels.

The flames hampered rescue work, and it was not until four hours after the shattering blast that the last body was brought to the surface and laid on the ground in front of the grim faced waiting people.

The horror of the disaster was described by George Hewitt, who was working in the adjoining coal face. He said that he and his mate opened the connecting door and "we saw two or three lads in a bad state. They were burned about the hands and face and were holding their hands up to their eyes."

In the inky blackness of the earth's bowels, the injured men and boys, whose lamps were blown out by the explosion, crawled painfully over the rubble and sharp-edged chunks of coal to meet a rescue team.

A joint statement issued by Lieutenant-General Sir Noel Holmes, Chairman of the North-western Division of the National Coal Board, and Mr. Joseph Hall, President of the Yorkshire Miners' Union, said that full attendance at work in the unaffected portions of the colliery was expected tomorrow, and that there was no reason to believe the affected district would be long delayed in production.—Reuters.

BROKER SHOT DEAD

Sayville, N.Y., May 7. The prominent New York stockbroker and Aqueduct Race Track president, Theodore Jackson Knapp, 56, was found shot to death today at the Sportsman's Club near Great River.

No suicide notes were found, but the police believed it was definitely possible that Knapp had taken his own life. A shotgun with one cartridge fired was found in the room with the body.—United Press.

A New Home For British Capital?

Tokyo, May 8. The suggestion that more British capital and industry be transferred from the United Kingdom to Australia was made by an authoritative source in Tokyo in the course of discussions on the proposed re-opening of Japan's foreign trade to private business.

This official declared that a tendency to transfer British capital abroad has been increasingly apparent during the past months but South Africa is a preferable destination to Australia, primarily because it is near the United Kingdom and also British business men are concerned over Australia's labour situation.

However, they admit Australia's predominant place in the Pacific and feel that it will be in their own interests to operate in that country, at the same time to give Australia the benefit of their experience in foreign trade.

This point is stressed as it is felt that Australia has misused the bounty in supplying the immediate postwar requirements of several countries, including India, which inter-alia wanted locomotives.

Hong Kong Case

The official also quoted the case of a Hong Kong business firm which ordered window frames from Australia which although promised within two months have not yet been received, and in the long run it would have been more profitable to have ordered them from

COMMANDOS FROM H.K.

Malta, May 7. An advanced party of more than one hundred Royal Marine commandos arrived here on board the transport "Alcantara" from Hong Kong to replace the infantry battalions for garrison duties. The main body is expected early in June.—Reuters.

Fight To Save Life Of Airman

Liverpool, May 7. The story of a 24-hour unavailing fight to save the life of an airman dying from infantile paralysis while returning from India in the troopship "Empress of Scotland" was told when the ship berthed at Liverpool today.

The airman, 22-year-old leading aircraftman A. Thatcher, was taken suddenly ill near Aden and the ship sent out an SOS, to the nearest port asking if an iron lung was available.

Hearing that there was none, Lieut. Colonel W.E.H. Moss of the Royal Army Medical Corps designed one in the ship and carpenters began building it. Then the ship's supplies of oxygen ran out, and another SOS was sent out to Aden for more to be flown out. Meanwhile, relays of doctors applied artificial respiration.

An R.A.F. plane parachuted four cylinders into the sea which were picked up by a launch. The oxygen was rushed to the sick man, but before the iron lung could be finished, he died.—Reuters.

Gandhi Against Partition

New Delhi, May 7. Mohandas Gandhi tonight announced his opposition to any division of India, despite the Congress Party's conditional acceptance of partition.

He dissociated himself from the Party's action at his regular evening prayer meeting, which, as usual, was interrupted by Hindus objecting to his reading of the Muslim Koran.

The statement marked Gandhi's first open break with the Party of which he is spiritual leader over division of India into Hindu and Muslim states.

Gandhi said: "Congress has accepted the Pakistan (independent Muslim state) scheme and demanded the division of the Punjab and Bengal. I am opposed to any division of India now as I have always been, but what can I do? The only thing I can do is to dissociate myself from any such scheme. Nobody can force me to accept it except God."

Although he is consulted by the Congress Party Executive on all major issues, Gandhi is not even a dues-paying member. A Congress leaders have emphasized that they would insist on the division of the Muslim states of the Punjab and Bengal to bring the Hindu-populated areas within Hindustan if Pakistan is agreed upon.

Gandhi leaves tonight in his private third-class railway car for Calcutta.—United Press.

Millionaire Kidnapped

Singapore, May 7. A Royal Air Force plane and a company of Gurkha troops are helping the Malayan police in the hunt for the daring kidnappers of the Chinese millionaire, Mr. Koo Hup Hon.

The search covers 60 square miles. Six armed men entered the millionaire's home in the town of Sungol, Bakap in North Malaya on April 26 to carry out the audacious crime. The police have arrested three men and have offered a reward of \$5,000 (Malayan) for information about the kidnapping.—Reuters.

RENTS MEASURE AMENDMENTS

Two important amendments to the Landlord & Tenant Ordinance, 1947, are contained in the report of the Standing Law Committee instructed to examine the Bill after its second reading. The Report was laid on the table by the Attorney-General at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Both these amendments concern the application of the Ordinance. To claim exemption under Clause 3 (1) (c), the premises must now have been "continuously untenanted" since August 16th, 1945, and the expense incurred by the landlord in rendering them inhabitable must now amount to not less than the equivalent of the standard rent of the premises for "seven years"—not one year, as originally proposed.

The Standing Law Committee considered that the exceptions from the application of the Ordinance were too wide and that it, in fact, went beyond the intentions and recommendations of the Tenancy Committee which specially examined the problem.

The Committee also considered that having regard to the present high cost of repairs, extensive repairs could not in fact be effected except at an expense equivalent to the standard rent of a substantial number of years. The Committee felt that this "should be related to the standard rent for seven years as a minimum."

Too Short

Under the Ordinance originally proposed, it was laid down that anyone obtaining an order for recovery of possession of premises was restricted from transfer, etc. of the premises for six months without the consent of a Tenancy Tribunal. The Committee considered this period too short, and the words "six months" are now replaced by "twelve months."

Clause 35 laid down that the Ordinance should continue in force up to December 31st, 1947. This has now been amended to "December 31st, 1948," as it is considered that there is little likelihood that there is for the end of this year.

There are a number of other minor amendments, including the deletion of an unimportant hyphen. The Attorney-General told the Council that it is proposed to publish a reprint of the Bill. This will enable the procedure prescribed by the standing order of the Council to be followed when the Bill comes to the Committee Stage.

Wellington Estates In Spain

London, May 7. The family castles and estates in Spain granted to the first Duke of Wellington after his victories over Napoleon have passed to the present Duke.

This decision was arrived at by Mr. Justice Parry in the law courts today, after a lengthy hearing of the law suit over the interpretation of two wills left by the 6th Duke—a bachelor—who was killed in action in Italy in October, 1943.

The 6th Duke was succeeded by his uncle—the present Duke—but because of the difference in the rules of succession in Spain and Britain, the Spanish title "Duke of Ciudad Rodrigo" went to the 6th Duke's sister, Lady Anne Rhy.

Both the present Duke and Lady Anne Rhy were defendants in the action brought by the executor.—Reuters.

Algeria, May 7.

The French cruisers "Richelieu," "Georges Le Gues," "Melin" and "Terrible" are expected at Casablanca, Morocco, tomorrow, and the aircraft carrier "Arromanches" on Friday.—Reuters.

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Conscription Bill Passed

Government Amendment To Reduce Period Of Service To A Year Approved

Scathing Attack By Mr. Churchill

London, May 7. The controversial Government amendment to reduce from 18 months to a year the period of compulsory peacetime military service in Britain—tabled after more than seventy Labour "rebels" cast their votes against the new conscription scheme recently—was approved to-night in the House of Commons by a combined Government and Conservative majority. There were only 17 dissenting votes.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, while protesting that the Government had "nakedly" admitted that the change was brought about by pressure from its own supporters, announced early in the debate that he would support the amendment because it was essential to get the principle of national service established.

The amendment was moved in the second day of the Committee stage of the Conscription Bill by the Defence Minister, Mr. A.V. Alexander.

The Government, he declared, was satisfied that the reduction in the length of service, made necessary by the change in the economic situation since the first decision was made last October, would not jeopardise Britain's security or impair her defence obligations.

He emphasized that it was untrue to say that the 18-month period had been visualised as an irreducible minimum for full-time service. The alteration to 12 months represented the balance between the needs of defence and the position of the national economy.

The Chiefs of Staff were consulted by the Government on the proposed change, he added, but the decision to make the change was that of the Government, for which they took full constitutional responsibility.

A great deal had happened in the interval since the Bill was first drafted, Mr. Alexander said.

Serious Situation

A survey of the economic position in the country had brought home to Parliament and advertised to the world the seriousness of the current and prospective economic situation. It was in balancing the needs of defence and national economy that the Government decided to recommend the period be reduced to 12 months.

The men in the forces and those who trained them would have to approach their tasks with a heightened sense of urgency and so order matters that little actual training efficiency would be lost by more intensive training over a period of 12 months, as compared with the more leisurely spaces of training over 18 months.

National service men would be sent only to the nearer overseas stations, mainly in Europe. Their training would be given to an increasing extent in armies of occupation in Germany. Maintenance cost of 100,000 men would be saved by the proposed change.

The sixty days of part-time service in the reserve would be spread over six years instead of five and a half years.

Churchill Attack

In a scathing attack on the Government, Mr. Churchill, Opposition leader, said that Mr. Alexander had "nakedly and squallidly" admitted that the reason for the change was political—because 70 or 80 Labour Members voted against the Government on the second reading of the Bill.

It was simply panic in the face of pressure by a minority who

BRITAIN'S DEBTS

Washington, May 7. The U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Snyder, told a press conference here today that he had supported the thesis that Britain should negotiate a settlement of her war debts to wartime Allies. He declined to say whether the United States was in favour of these being sealed down in view of Britain's contribution to the general war effort.

Pressed by correspondents to comment on Mr. Dalton's statement yesterday that the sealing down must come sooner or later, Mr. Snyder said that the United States had not been approached for assistance in Mr. Dalton's programme of negotiation and had not worked out any figures indicating by how much the debts should be sealed down. Reuter.

had that in mind. If not, they should say so and also produce more convincing reasons. This was a surrender to a minority of a party which would have calamitous consequences. He did not know what the Foreign Secretary thought in Moscow when he heard this decision.

Replying to the debate, Mr. Alexander said it was wrong to suggest that the decision to alter the length of wholtime service had anything to do with the question of surrender on foreign policy, as had been suggested.

But, he added, there would be greater difficulty in meeting the garrison situation overseas because of the change. The Government had taken the risk that between now and 1950 the situation in regard to British commitments would have improved.

Nothing Jettisoned

When Mr. Eden asked what overseas commitments were being thrown overboard, Mr. Alexander answered that nothing was being thrown overboard.

Eventually, the motion that the 18 months remain in the Bill was defeated by 311 votes to 163. The Government's amendment to make it 12 months was carried by 368 votes to 17. In the second vote Mr. Churchill and some of the Conservatives voted with the Government. Reuter.

Talks In London On India's Future

London, May 7.

General Lo J Ismay, the Viceroy's Chief of Staff, and his colleagues who flew from Delhi to London at the week-end with Lord Mountbatten's report to the Cabinet on the Indian constitutional problem, arranged a further conference tonight at No. 10 Downing Street with the India experts of the Cabinet.

With the Prime Minister presiding, other Ministers attending were the Secretary of State for India, Lord Listowel, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. A. V. Alexander. The Viceroy's mission spent today in discussions on policy with various high officials of the India Office. Authoritative quarters maintained complete silence upon the talks themselves.

Political quarters believe, however, that their scope covers the vital question of whether the partition of India is now inevitable, or whether there is still some prospect of the Cabinet Mission's plan of May 16 last year, providing a broad pattern for the transfer of power.

The general belief at the moment is that the talks may extend into next week. The return of the

Mission to Delhi, with the Cabinet's reaction to the Viceroy's report, may, it is thought, be followed at an early date by some official indication of the Government's and Viceroy's mind on the next steps proposed. Reuter.

Sultan Hamid II of Pontianak, who is a possible candidate for the Governorship of the new autonomous state of West Borneo, will invite President Soekarno and Prime Minister Sutan Sharir to represent the republic at the signing of the West Borneo statutes on May 12 in Pontianak, it was learned today. Reuter.

Senator Shot In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, May 7.

Pistol-carrying legislators from Holdenville toted a home town feud into the State Senate Chamber and when the shooting was over, one man was wounded and another held by officers.

State Senator Tom Anglin, 64, oldest member of the Upper House in point of service, was shot through the left hip and abdomen. Representative Jimmie Scott, 34, was arrested a few minutes after the exchange of shots.

Behind the snap shooting, according to James C. Nance, President pro tem of the Senate, was the fact that Anglin's Holdenville law firm handled the property settlement for Scott's divorced wife.

Witnesses said Anglin was walking across the middle of the well-filled Senate Chamber when Scott approached from the rear of the Chamber. They heard Anglin say "Don't shoot," then "Oh" as the first shot felled him.

They said Anglin pulled a gun as he fell and fired a wild shot while Scott was firing the second blast, which missed.

Scott is an ex-Marine who saw action in the Southwest Pacific. Officers said charges against him would be filed tomorrow. United Press.

Soviet Demands On Hungary

London, May 7.

The Soviet Government presented claims on Hungary totalling £50,000,000 over and above Hungary's reparations obligations to Russia during the reparations talks now proceeding.

Under the armistice and peace treaty terms, Hungary is bound to pay the Soviet Union £50,000,000 in reparations over a period of specified years in the armistice and extended to eight years in the peace treaty.

Russia's fresh additional claims thus equal the total of the reparations fixed for Hungary. These claims will fall into three categories:

(1) Russia demands the transfer of all German assets in Hungary. To this she is entitled under Article 28 of the peace treaty as also under the Potsdam Agreement. It is understood that these amount to about one-half of the total involved.

(2) Russia demands that Hungary should pay her the total of all sums owing by Hungary to Germany at the end of the war.

(3) Russia demands that Hungary should repay her obligations to Russia incurred (a) as a result of Soviet advances to the Hungarian provisional government in the final month of the war and (b) as a result of Soviet aid in equipping and arming the Hungarian Army. Reuter.

BANDITS TOO HASTY

Rome, May 7.

Two bandits seized six and a half million liras (roughly US\$26,000) but missed a further haul of twenty million liras (\$80,000), in the streets of Milan today.

The bandits stopped a car driven by the cashier of a Milan factory.

The booty that they missed was in another box in the car, and was overlooked. Reuter.

Americans Can Claim English Titles

London, May 7.

United States citizens who are found to be the heirs to British baronetcies can accept their titles, free of charge, without affecting their American citizenship, the 1947 edition of "Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage and Companionship" declared today.

Only those in the employ of the United States Government are barred from accepting the titles, "Debrett" declared, and even in their case, it was open to Congress to permit acceptance.

"Debrett," published today, pointed out that there are 19 baronetcies—hereditary "night-hoods"—to which no one had proved a claim. It also informed such heirs that no fees at all are payable on the succession to a baronetcy.

A record of war losses suffered by the families named in Debrett showed 1,400 names, including 28 peers and 37 baronets killed while serving in the armed forces during the war. Five peers were killed in air raids and two baronets died while prisoners in enemy hands. The Duchy of Cornwall, two baronets and 8 baronetcies have become extinct through the death in action of the holders of the titles.

No Fees

The preface to the new edition of "Debrett" also disclosed that there are 19 unclaimed baronetcies, and that in several cases, the heirs are known but have refused to claim the titles. Adding that in some cases the heirs may think that heavy fees are charged to claimants, Debrett says there are no fees payable.

Debrett also recalls the recent report in American newspapers that a United States citizen said that he would not claim a title to which he was heir because he was afraid that he would lose his United States citizenship.

It would appear, says Debrett, that under United States law, only Government employees were prohibited from

London Shoot-Up Sequel

London, May 7.

The big police hunt in the St. John's Wood district of northwest London on Monday had a sequel in the Marylebone Police Court today when two men were remanded in custody for a week on charges of shooting at a London policeman with intent to murder him.

After the shooting, the police sealed off the entire district while a search for the men went on.

The accused, Arthur William Stead, 22 year old plaster packer, and Harper George Bromley Woodward, 19 year old woodworker, were further charged with stealing a cigarette case.

Woodward was also charged alone with burglariously entering a vicarage in St. John's Wood.

When the charges were read to him after his arrest, Woodward said: "With intent to murder is wrong. I shot to scare and more or less to resist arrest."

Stead told the police: "I did not shoot." Reuter.

Collective Fines For Palestine?

London, May 7.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Creech Jones, today hinted in the House of Commons that the Palestine Government is considering imposing collective fines and widespread martial law to counter Jewish extremists.

General Sir George Jeffreys, Conservative, demanded not only martial law in all Jewish settlements and collective fines but also the removal of prominent Jewish citizens as hostages into "localities in which outrages are perpetrated."

Mr. Creech Jones evaded a direct reply but said: "It is for the High Commissioner to consider, in consultation with the military authorities and in the light of events, whether the situation calls for the introduction of military administration in any particular area."

"The authorities are tackling this problem of terrorism with the greatest resolution and with the most appropriate methods within the capacity of available resources. Collective fines have not so far been levied on any groups deemed collectively responsible for terrorism."—United Press.

Thousands Still Need IRO Help

Lausanne, May 7.

The International Refugee Organization today fixed the number of refugees it would have to take care of in its new budget.

Refugees needing alimentary support were listed as 879,500, of whom 657,500 are in Germany, 128,500 in Austria, 86,000 in France, 12,000 in China and 3,000 in the Middle East.

The remainder are scattered in the Low countries, Spain and Portugal.

In addition, the IRO will have to protect the legal and political rights of 1,748,000 refugees, of whom 889,000 are in Germany, 138,000 in Austria, 140,000 in Italy and 340,000 in France.

The last figure includes 200,000 Spanish Republicans. United Press.

Drunken Brawl In Gaol

Paris, May 7.

French prison authorities revealed today that 100 women prisoners, ranging in age from 16 to 21, barricaded themselves in the building and refused to resume work late yesterday.

The authorities said the inmates were fortified by large quantities of alcohol and other, which they had obtained in a raid on the infirmary.

Forty-six of the women were confined, awaiting disciplinary action, after police reinforcements restored order. United Press.

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Dressing Tables with Mirrors
& Stools, Chest of Drawers,
Standard Lamps, Table Lamps,
Single Bedsteads with Box-
spring Mattress, Day Bed with
Beauty Rest Mattress, Kitchen
Table, Radios, Steel Filing Ca-
binets, Dining Tables, Side-
boards, Chairs, Writing Tables,
Carved Camperdown Trunk,
Perambulator, Cutlery, Vases,
and Blackwood Furniture Etc.,
Etc., Etc.

- Also
1 Enamelled Bath
1 Tintain Carpet 9' x 12'
1 G. E. Refrigerator
1 Upright Piano
1 Typewriter

On View from Thursday, the
8th, May 1947.

Terms: As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Chinese Optical Co.
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67 QUEEN'S ROAD C

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Basement, French Bank Bldg.,
A.E.H. de Sousa, Auctioneer.
Telephone 21857.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be
held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson and Com-
pany, Limited, Hongkong, on
Thursday, the 29th day of May,
1947, at 12 o'clock Noon, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
10th day of May to the 11th
day of June, 1947, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Office
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., 18 Pedder Street, Vic-
toria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, on Thursday, the 29th
day of May, 1947, at 12.20 in
the afternoon or so soon there-
after as the Annual General
Meeting shall have been con-
cluded for the purpose of pro-
posing and if thought fit pass-
ing the subjoined resolution as
a special resolution viz:-

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered by cancelling
Articles 127 (a) and 127 (b)
and that the following Articles
be substituted:-

"127 (a) Any General Meeting
may resolve that any
monies investments
or other assets form-
ing part of the un-
divided profits of the
company or any un-
realised profits arising
from revaluation of
any assets of the
company and stand-
ing to the credit of
any reserve or in
the hands of the
company and avail-
able for dividend (or
representing pre-
miums received on
the issue of shares
and standing to the
credit of the share
premium account) be
capitalised and dis-
tributed amongst
such of the share-
holders as would be
entitled to receive
the same if distrib-
uted by way of di-
vidend and in the same
proportions as the
footings that they be-
come entitled thereto
as capital and that
all or any part of
such capitalised pro-
fits or reserves be
applied on behalf of
such shareholders in
paying up in full
either at par or at
such premium as the
resolution may pro-
vide, any unissued
shares or debentures
or debenture stock
of the company
which shall be
distributed accord-
ingly or in or to-
wards payment of
the uncalled liability
on any issued shares
or debentures or de-
benture stock, and
that such distribu-
tion or payment
shall be accepted by
such shareholders in
full satisfaction of
their interest in the
said capitalised pro-
fits or reserves."

"127 (b) For the purpose of
giving effect to any
resolution under the
last preceding article
the directors may
settle any difficulty
which may arise in
regard to the distri-
bution as they think
expedient, and in
particular may in-
sue fractional certi-
ficates. Where re-
quisite, a proper con-
tract shall be deliv-
ered to the Registrar
for registration in
accordance with Sec-

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixty-second Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Office of
the Undersigned on Friday, 9th
May, 1947, at Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of
the General Agents together
with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st
December, 1946.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 25th April to 9th May,
1947, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.

General Agents,
THE CANTON INSURANCE
OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hong Kong, 21st April, 1947.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Office of Messrs.
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1945 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 21st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

DENNIS & Co., Ltd.

Sole Agents for
THE NEW ASIA WHITE-ANT
DESTROYING CO.
(Canton)
WHITE-ANT EXTERMINATORS
Holland House (5th Floor)
Tel: 23224 & 22013

tion 44 of the Com-
panies Ordinance,
1932 and the direc-
tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf of
the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following two resolu-
tions will be proposed as ordi-
nary resolutions respectively
viz:-

- (1) That the authorised
Capital of the Company
be increased to \$20,000,-
000 by the creation of 3,-
350,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$5
each.
- (2) That it is desirable to
capitalise a sum of
HK\$6,500,000 being part
of the balance standing
at the credit of the Fixed
Assets Revaluation
Reserve of the company
and accordingly that such
sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and that such
capital sum be applied
on behalf of the persons
who on the 28th day of
May 1947 were the
holders of the 650,000
issued shares of the com-
pany in payment in full
for 1,300,000 new shares
of the nominal value of \$5
each, and that such
1,300,000 new shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to
such persons respectively
in the proportion of two
of such new shares for
every one of the said
issued shares then held
by such persons respec-
tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
poses as an increase of
the nominal amount of
the capital of the com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and further that
such new shares shall
from the 1st day of
January 1947 rank for
dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with
the already issued shares.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

NOTICE

The Government have decid-
ed to modify the system at
present in force for allocating ex-
change for imports from the
U.S.A., Philippines and Cana-
da.

2. The total volume of im-
ports from these countries will
be about the same as for the
same period last year, but it
is hoped that the proposed sys-
tem, by giving importers ad-
vance notice of the exchange
they will be allowed, will en-
able them to settle their busi-
ness ahead, with the knowledge
that there will be no difficulty
about making payment.

3. It is intended to give
quotas for certain classes of
goods and these will be fixed
by the S. T. and I. taking into
account the total exchange
available for the particular
commodity and the previous
trade in that commodity done
by the applicant.

4. To avoid a multiplicity of
applications for exchange for
goods which probably cannot be
considered, it has been neces-
sary to draw up a proposed list
of goods which are acceptable
and for which applications will
be entertained. A copy of this
list is attached as Schedule "A"
and Schedule "B".

5. Applications in the first
instance should be submitted in
writing to the S. T. and I. De-
partment showing:

- (a) quantity and value in U.S.
dollars of articles requir-
ed to be imported during
the period June/Decem-
ber 1947;
- (b) quantity and value in U.S.
dollars of each of the
articles given imported by
them in any full year pre-
vious, those under Schedule
"A" being kept separate
from those under Sched-
ule "B";
- (c) a list of U.S. and Cana-
dian agencies held;
- (d) where a firm has been
established since the war
it should show:
 - i. date of registration
 - ii. capital—authorised and
issued
 - iii. details as requested at
(c).

6. The present schedules do
not pretend to be compre-
hensive, and applications from
importers holding U.S. and Cana-
dian agencies for commodities
not on the list at present will
be considered. It is also hoped
to expand the list by adding
other articles deemed essential
for use in the Colony, but im-
porters should not apply unless
they can put forward very
strong justification in writing
for the import of those com-
modities.

7. Pending the final defini-
tion of these quotas applica-
tions for U.S. exchange etc.
should be made in the usual
way to the Financial Secretary.

SCHEDULE "A"

Building Materials.
Wood (timber).
Sanitary fittings.
Machinery and Engines.
Machine Tools.
Tools.
Tin Plate.
Wire.
Iron and Steel.
Piping and pipes.
Spare parts for motor
vehicles.
Rubber tyres (new)
Refrigerators.
Electric fans.
Mineral oil.
Paraffin wax and
Petroleum products.
Vegetable oils and
Fats.
Castor Oil, Colza,
Hempseed, Olive oil,
Coconut oil, etc.
Essential oils.
Citronella, Sandalwood,
Ginger, Peppermint, etc.
Sewing machines.
Office machinery and equip-
ment.
Typewriters, Calculators,
Cash registers, Filing Ca-
binets etc.
Dyestuffs and tanning mater-
ials.
Industrial and manufactured
Chemicals.
Unmanufactured leaf tobac-
co.
Pharmaceutical and
Toilet preparations.
Razors and razor blades.
Paper.
Ink.
Periodicals and books.
Films unexposed—all types.
Motion pictures.
Motion pictures (rented).
Plecoagods.
Manufactured clothing.
Haberdashery.
Food.
Fresh fruit.
Tinned fruit.
Dried fruit.

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HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTICE

It is hereby notified that
sealed tenders in triplicate
which should be marked "Tender
for Repairs to Sanitary De-
partment Launches Nos. 1 & 3,
Revenue Department Launch
No. 1 and Fire Brigade Depart-
ment Launch No. 1," will be
received at the office of the
Chairman, Tender Board, un-
til noon on Friday, 16th May,
1947.

Details of specifications etc.,
are obtainable from the Super-
intendent Engineer, Govern-
ment Slipway, Yau-mat.

Tenderers must deposit at the
Treasury, Prince's Building, the
sum of \$1,000. — (Dollars One
Thousand), which sum shall be
forfeited to the Hong Kong
Government if the successful
tenderer fails to complete the
transaction. The deposit will be
returned to unsuccessful ten-
derers.

Government does not bind
itself to accept the lowest or
any tender.

J. JOLLY,

Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong,
6th May, 1947.

NOTICE

Applications are invited for
the post of Draughtsman in the
Office of the Principal Surveyor
of Ships, Harbour Department.

Qualifications: Candidates
should have extensive drawing
office and design experience
with a reputable ship-building
and ship-repairing establish-
ment, and should be well versed
in ordinary ship calculations.

Age: 30 to 35 years.

Salary: \$2,000 per annum to
\$3,000 per annum by annual
increments of \$100, together
with high cost of living al-
lowance of approximately 50%
of salary.

Selection will be made by in-
terview and examination in
English, mathematics, ship-
drawing, design, calculations and
tracing.

Candidates should apply in
their own handwriting to the
Principal Surveyor of Ships,
Harbour Office, giving full de-
tails of experience and qualifica-
tions, together with three copies
of recent testimonials.

Closing date for applications:
14th May, 1947.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Hong Kong, 7th May, 1947.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF
Frances Stokes late of
Sydney in the State of New
South Wales, Australia
Widow, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 2nd day of June, 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.
Dated the 8th day of May 1947.

JOHNSON, STOKES &
MASTER,

Solicitors for the Executor of
the Will of the abovenamed
deceased.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank
Building, Des Voeux Road
Central, Hongkong.

SCHEDULE "B"

Motor cars and trucks.
Radios.
Tobacco and cigarettes.
Elpees.
Watches.
Coffee.
Beverages (Beer)

W. M. THOMSON,
Director.

Supplies, Trade & Industry.

Hong Kong, 8th May, 1947.

UNO REPLY TO ARABS Always Meant To Hear Their Side Of The Case

Lake Success, N.Y. May 7.

The United Nations General Assembly, in an ap-
pealing gesture to the Arab Higher Commit-
tee for Palestine, met in an extraordinary
special session and adopted a resolution
affirming that it had always intended to hear
the Arab side of the Palestine case.

The resolution was passed at the end of a day of
acrobatic parliamentary procedure, during
which the Assembly reversed a previous de-
cision, decided later it was 'hurting its own
dignity, and finally hit upon a halfway course.

The action was aimed at
sentation on the fact-finding
committee on the ground that
the Arab states constitute a
tenth of the whole United Nations
membership.

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States proposal, said: "If the
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accepted its invitation to ap-
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lion African Arabs, for a voice
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was signed by 'Abd Bouhafa,
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FRANCE PROTESTS

Paris, May 7.

France has protested to
Poland over an agreement
under which Polish coal ex-
ports to Portugal will be paid
for with former Nazi gold
stocks held temporarily by the
Portuguese Government, a
Quai d'Orsay spokesman an-
nounced today.

Similar protests have been
sent by the United States
and Britain.

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Newsweek
"The gilt-edge cast will probably collect an Oscar or two for some first-rate performances..."

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FINES FOR PROFITEERING S.T. & I. Official's Statement

According to the request of Mr. J.H.G. Pitman, Chief Inspector, Price Control Section of the S.T. & I. heavy fines were imposed on 14 profiteers by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. His Worship also issued the warning that heavier penalties would be imposed in the future.

Asking for a serious view to be taken, Mr. Pitman reminded His Worship that a "few weeks ago the Press gave wide publicity to a statement of mine that a Magistrate has power under Defence Regulation 84 to impose a maximum fine of \$2,000."

Continuing, Mr. Pitman said: "I pointed out at that time that if the maximum fine of \$2,000 proved an insufficient deterrent then this Court has power, at my request, to commit anyone to the Supreme Court where a maximum fine of \$10,000 can be imposed."

"Today, in this Court are several defendants appearing for the second and even a third time for the same offence of contravening the Price Control Regulations. This proves that an imposition of a moderate fine is no deterrent."

"Much congestion in Magistrate's courts is caused because of the fact that the same defendant is summoned time after time. This unnecessary multiplicity of prosecutions, which wastes so much time of busy officials, would vanish if exemplary fines were imposed."

In several cases where the overcharge was exorbitant His Worship told the defendants that the Court did not want to send them to prison but to hit at them where it hurt the most — their pockets. Fines ranging from \$50 to \$500, and totalling \$4,676 were imposed.

Shopkeeper's Query
On being fined \$50 for selling a cake of "Palmdale" soap for \$1.20 (70 cents) and one cake of "Safeguard" soap for 80 cents (40 cents), Chan Yau-wan of Sank Kee, 190 Shanghai Street, asked "Why does His Worship impose such a heavy fine?"

On being told "You are a large shop and sell goods at about 50 per cent. over control price," defendant replied, "As this is my first offence there should not be such a heavy fine."

Kwok Sun of Chung Tung, 138 Leichik Road, told His Worship that the Chung Tung store could not even do \$100 business in one week when he asked for a reduction in the fine of \$125 for charging \$1.50, instead of 70 cents, for a cake of "Palmdale" soap. On his request being refused, defendant first asked for one week, then three days, and finally 24 hours, to pay. He was given until 5 p.m. to raise the amount.

For overcharging five cents on a small tin of "Bibb's" best salt, Tong Tat of Tai Shan, 35 Leichik Road, was fined \$20 with an additional \$20 for failing to display a price tag.

Lee Wing of Kwan Kwong Glass Shop, 17 Bonning Street, was fined a total of \$125 for selling a 10" x 12" plate of glass for \$1.80 (\$1.40) and for not having a price tag.

When James Wang of Joon Wang and Co., 242 Nathan Road, appeared to answer a summons for selling a bottle of "Coca-Cola" for 40 cents instead of 35 cents, Mr. Pitman informed the Court that the summons was taken out as the result of complaints from members of the public and the Press who had been doing business with the firm for years and were getting "fed up with being overcharged."

The defendant first, said Mr. Pitman, is a large one selling "genuine" business with the families of Kowloon. Defendant was fined \$50.

Fined \$100 in last November for overcharging on sanitary napkins, Tam Hing-shing of Sun Cheong Co., 355 Nathan Road, was fined \$50 for selling one "Prophylactic" short, adult toothbrush for \$1.00 (\$1.20).

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STOLE FROM SOLICITOR

Eight weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Lau Kuen, 40-year-old watchman at 69, Robinson Road when he was found guilty by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday of fraudulently taking three pens, four mirrors and five bowl lamps and converting them to his own use, the property of Mr. Peter Sin, solicitor. Defendant was told to look after the property but did not do so. He was told and instead sold the property to a marine store dealer.

Cousins In Dispute

Wan Chuk Tann, manager of the Wan Ching Un firm, appeared yesterday before Mr. Salisbury at Central charged with embezzlement and larceny, while Ko Kam Chiu, accountant, was charged with aiding and abetting.

On behalf of the complainant, Mr. Tin Shing Lo said that the firm had been in existence for 80 years. It was founded by complainant's grandfather and when he died the business was left to five cousins, each of whom were to have an equal share. Profits were to be shared out three times a month while business was carried out in Canton, but when a branch was opened in Hong Kong the profits were only to be shared once a month. Ten per cent was to be kept as capital for speculating in other branches of the firm.

First defendant and complainant were cousins. Mr. Lo claimed that when his client asked to see the books, defendant told him to come the following day and he would tell him the profits during the last eleven months.

When complainant went the following day, he alleged, the account books were no longer in the office but the monthly sales books and the general account book were found. It was found that the sales book had larger sums of money entered than the general account book.

Complainant, giving evidence, said that the Hong Kong business had been founded in 1938 and since then first defendant had been in charge of both the Canton branch and the Hong Kong branch, while the other four cousins had worked occasionally with him.

Complainant admitted that both defendants received very poor salaries.

Mr. M. da Silva, for the defence, asked for an adjournment at this point.

The case was adjourned until May 27.

Police Warning To Householders

With the advent of warm weather open windows are a temptation to burglars and it behooves householders to take certain precautions to protect their property against theft, such as securing all valuables at night and fastening all doors and windows that are not in use, said the Government P.R.O. yesterday.

Servants should be discouraged from permitting strangers to lodge in servants quarters. Every one is advised to make himself acquainted with the telephone number of his local police station and should not hesitate to inform the police of any suspicious activity.

A note should be kept of the full description of any property that is valuable and numbers or identification marks should be placed on things in common use and of common appearance such as bicycles, car parts, water pump motors, and similar articles which are hard to identify from others of similar make.

Incident In A Bus

PCC Leung Tung, while travelling on bus 5940 at about 2.15 p.m. on May 7, heard the conductor telling a 16-year-old youth and his Portuguese girl companion (who were standing near the front entrance) to move into the middle of the bus. He also heard the advice repeated by the conductor.

On the second occasion that the youth refused, the constable told him that he should obey the instructions of the conductor. The boy got angry and swore in Portuguese at the constable, at the same time striking him repeatedly on the face, breaking his pair of spectacles. The youth was arrested by PCC 335 who was also on the bus.

Appearing before Mr. Latimer in the juvenile court yesterday the youth was ordered to sign a bond of \$100 to ensure his good behaviour for 12 months. He was also ordered to pay compensation to the constable for the loss of the spectacles.

Money Market

Gold dropped another 2½ points after the opening yesterday at \$205 a tael but improved to \$204 before the close.

Piastres fluctuated between \$12.10 and \$12.70 a 100. The opening quotation was \$12.35, and it closed at \$12.32.

Chinese National Currency futures were stronger as people felt the heading fall of the last week had been excessive. Yesterday's closing rate was 16½ cents for CN\$1,000. Spot was 22½ cents.

U.S. dollars were quiet at \$4.60 buyers. Sterling was unchanged at \$14.25 and so were Australian pounds at \$12.52.

Appearing on \$10,000 bail, Au Ka Hock, 25, of 64 High Street, was charged before Mr. Salisbury at Central yesterday with stealing by trick two delivery orders on the Holt's Wharf Godown on April 18 from Chan Kam-heung and thus obtaining 35 boxes of white cloth shirting. At the request of the prosecution, Au was remanded for one week.



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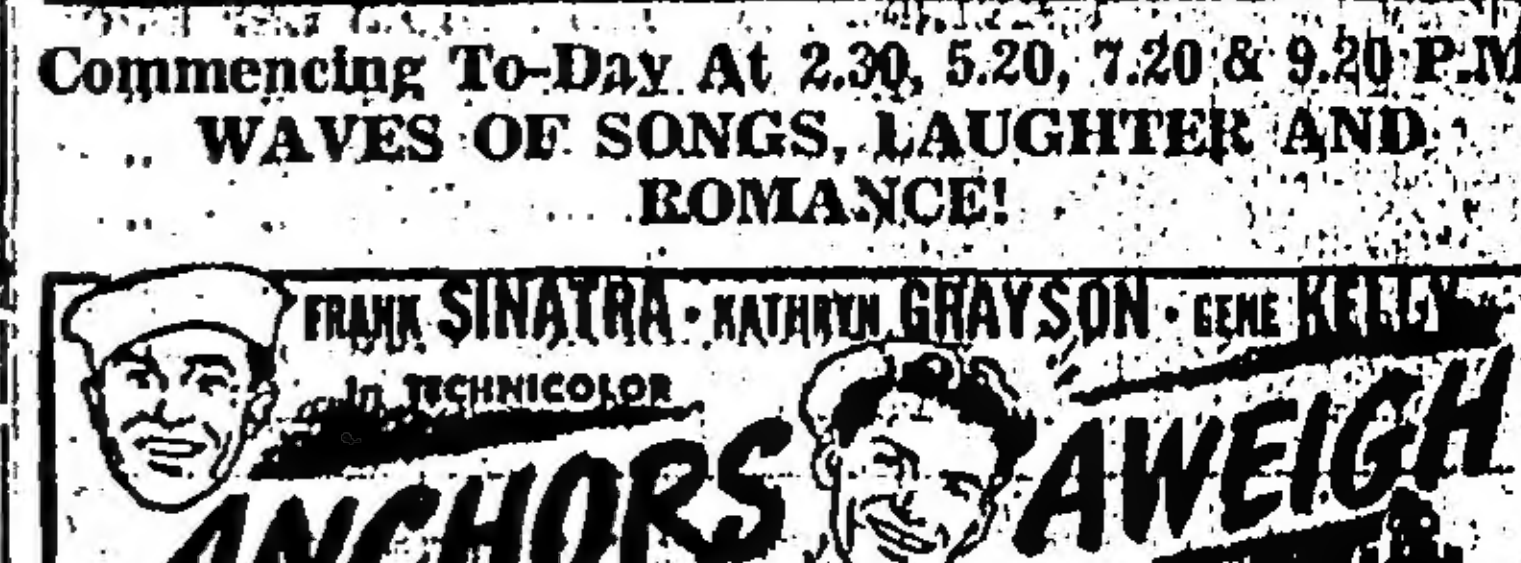


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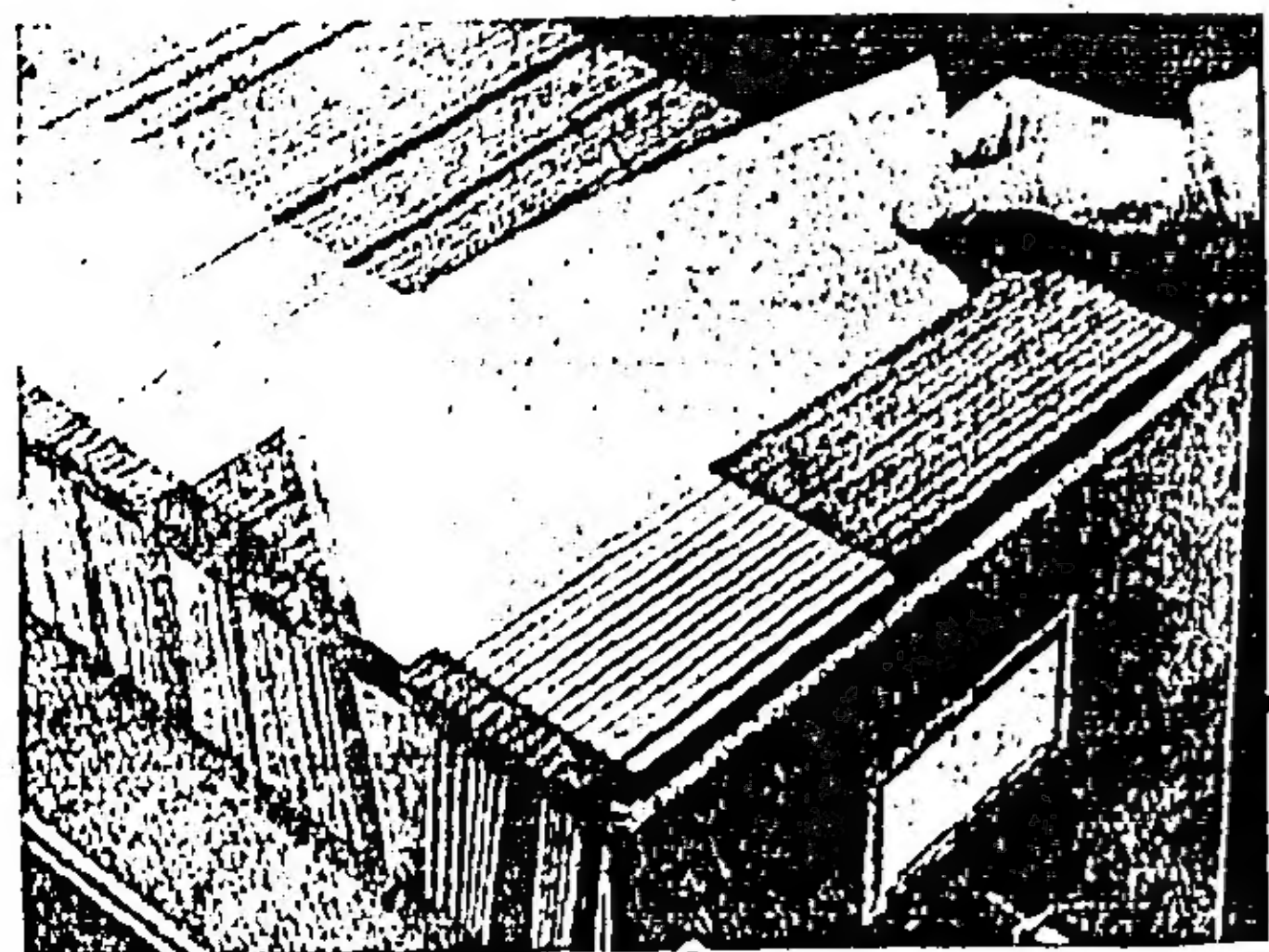
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The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 2018).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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WHAT STALIN SAID TO BEVIN? Russia To Remain Aloof From Sudan Controversy; No Support For Egypt No Conflict Of Interests

London, May 7.
A well-informed British source said today that Generalissimo Stalin informed Mr. Bevin during the Moscow conference that Russia would remain aloof from the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute and the Sudan controversy. Although this could not be confirmed in detail in official quarters, a high Government source conceded that Mr. Bevin and Stalin had touched briefly on the two questions during the talks in Moscow.

The government informant said the discussions were in general terms. He quoted Stalin as saying that Russia had interests in Egypt and the Middle East which were not regarded as running counter to Russian interests.

This was expected to be reflected, at least in part, in Russia's attitude in the United Nations hearing on Palestine. Although Russia believes Palestine should be independent, diplomatic sources believe she will moderate in any attacks she makes on British policy there.

Diplomatic observers believe Russia's attitude is influenced by the fact that she is negotiating for revision for the 20-year Anglo-Russian mutual assistance treaty. They believe the two countries plan to survey each other's interests throughout the world during the treaty talks.

Russia's attitude toward the Anglo-Egyptian question first became apparent two months ago, when the official Soviet Tass Agency denied reports published in Egypt that Russia was supporting Egypt against Britain.

Egypt Warned

Although Tass did not elaborate, reliable diplomatic reports were that Russia notified Egypt she could not support Egypt if and when the dispute reached the United Nations Security Council. Egypt has threatened to complain to the Council that the Anglo-Egyptian treaty and its provision for garrisoning of British troops in Egypt infringe on that country's sovereignty.

Yacoub Osman, London spokesman of the Sudanese Umma (People's) Party, said the Party had cabled the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, from Khartoum on April 14, asking the Security Council to consider the Sudanese problem.

Sudan is now governed jointly by Britain and Egypt, but Egypt has said she will ask the United Nations to proclaim Egypt's sovereignty over the territory. The Umma Party wants the Sudan to be independent.

The Umma appeal, which so far has not been answered by Mr. Lie, pointed out that there were five reasons for the Sudanese to be heard:

"Five Reasons"

1. The Sudanese have been under virtual military occupation for nearly 50 years after an imperialistic war of conquest.
2. There are no signs of the British Labour Government restoring to the Sudanese their rights, despite "sincere promises."
3. The Sudanese appeal to the United Nations constituted an

Greek Frontier Violated

Athens, May 7.

The Ministry of Public Order announced today that aircraft of unknown nationality crossed the Greek frontier from the north at 10.20 p.m. on Sunday, circled Mount Palkon, penetrated Greek territory for five kilometres and returned towards Yugoslavia after a 20-minute flight.

Some official quarters believe the mysterious planes have been dropping supplies to Greek guerrilla forces.

Flights of unknown aircraft as far south as the Grevena area of Northern Thessaly have been reported by the press several times in the last few months, but these planes have never been fired on by Greek anti-aircraft or confirmed by any official source. The Greek General Staff does not take the matter seriously.

A Greek spokesman said: "Such reports are most unreliable."—United Press.

New Delhi, May 7.
Sir Evan Jenkins, Governor of the Punjab, today imposed a collective fine of 3,000,000 rupees (\$225,000) on the Moslems of Rawalpindi, where some of the worst riots in the province have taken place.—Reuter.

PEKING LOOT

London, May 7.

A valuable amber necklace looted from the royal palace of Peking during the Boxer Rising of 1900 is now on its way back to its ancient home.

Consisting of 108 amber beads each beautifully carved with the "Royal Court" mark of China, the necklace has been bequeathed to Madame Chiang Kai-shek in the will of Mrs. Ada Tomlinson Miller of Tonbridge Wells, Kent. Mrs. Miller was a great admirer of Madame Chiang and the Chinese people. During the war she gave many valuable gifts to the British United Aid to China with the request that they be sold to help relief work in China.—Reuter.

At-Power Warships For USN?

Washington, May 8.

The United States Navy formally announces that it is setting up a special section to try to develop atom-powered warships.

The move is part of a developing programme expected to alter the whole concept of naval warfare.

The section will be part of the Bureau of Ships along with two other new ones.

They are the Radiological Section to devise means of protecting crews from atomic explosions and ships from radiological contamination, and the Atomic Warfare Section, to investigate the protection of ships from atomic weapons and to continue the studies of the Bikini tests held last year.

There are signs that the navy of the future will take the shape of a force for blasting enemy cities and bases rather than opposing fleets.—Associated Press.

Strike Over "Belsen Camp Level" Food

Hamburg, May 7.

About 6,000 Hamburg shipyard workers in the Blohm and Voss yards staged a "sitdown" strike today, claiming their food rations were on the "Belsen Camp level." They sent a deputation to their trade union chiefs and the Burgomaster of Hamburg outlining six demands.

The deputation reported back that the trade unions agreed with the six points and the shipyard men agreed to return to work tomorrow.

The men had demanded that the trade unions and Burgomaster should fulfil the promises that they would support the Hamburg workers' hunger demonstrations if rations were further reduced.

The demands were that the German authorities should strengthen the measures against the black market; clear out Nazis from food organisations; distribute textiles and clothing for needy workers; improve food and transport; and issue additional food cards.

The men also protested against double summer time as detrimental to the health of workers.

Trade union representatives will meet tomorrow to decide whether or not to support the proposed hunger demonstrations.—Reuter.

Council on Strike

London, May 7.

Hamburg Radio reported tonight that members of the City Council of Brunswick, Germany, struck today in protest against the food situation in the British Zone.

According to the broadcast, a spokesman said that rations were not even sufficient for persons who remained in bed throughout the day, "so it might be just as well to provide enough timber for coffins for all of them."—United Press.

Jerusalem, May 7.

Revised population estimates issued by the Palestine Government today showed that at the end of December, 1946, out of a total population of 1,012,000, there were 608,000 Jews. The rest were made up of 1,077,000 Moslem Arabs—other than nomads. Bedouins—145,000 Christians—68,000 Bedouin Arabs and 15,000 Druses or Abyssinians.—Reuter.

Brazilian Communists Outlawed

Rio De Janeiro, May 7.

The Brazilian Communist Party has been outlawed by the Supreme Electoral Tribunal and President Eurico Gaspar Dutra has decreed the suspension of the Brazilian Federation of Labour and 21 regional labour organizations because of alleged Communist influence.

Communist Party headquarters and regional cells were immediately raided and occupied by police forces, which were alerted everywhere in the country.

The five-man Supreme Electoral Tribunal voted three to two to outlaw the Communist Party on the grounds that it was incompatible with the Brazilian constitution.

Explaining the executive's action to suspend the Federation of Labour, the Labour Minister, Senhor Moreira de Figueiredo, said the government had full proof that recent strikes and other labour disturbances were directed by Communist elements affiliated with or under the influence of the Communist Party.

The Brazilian Communist Party had 200,000 registered members, the largest membership of any North or South American country.—United Press.

Corpses Queue Up For Burial

London, May 8.

The dead went unburied in the City of London on Wednesday. The "City" is the mile square historic section of London which contains the big banks, the law courts, the newspapers and magazine offices, Billingsgate fish market and—at the moment—a strike by employees of the City Corporation.

Street cleaners, bridge operators, grave diggers and all sorts of other public servants are involved in the strike which is against the promotion of a fish market policeman to sergeant. Especially the grave diggers are involved.

"The corpses are queuing to get buried," said a policeman on duty at the city's one cemetery, Manor Park.

"The dead are lying unburied," confirmed an outraged member of Parliament, Sir Jocelyn Lucas.

"There are 25 to 30 bodies waiting to be interred," a cemetery official said. "We are advising undertakers to keep them embalmed in their mortuaries until the strike is over."—Associated Press.

Dublin, May 7.

Two hundred of Dublin's 350 butcher shops were closed today in a one-day protest strike against the small margin of profit they are allowed under controlled prices.—United Press.

Dublin, May 7.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Frank Aiken, introducing Eire's new £60,000,000 budget in the Dail today, announced that the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes would be raised from 1s 6d to 1s 8d.—United Press.

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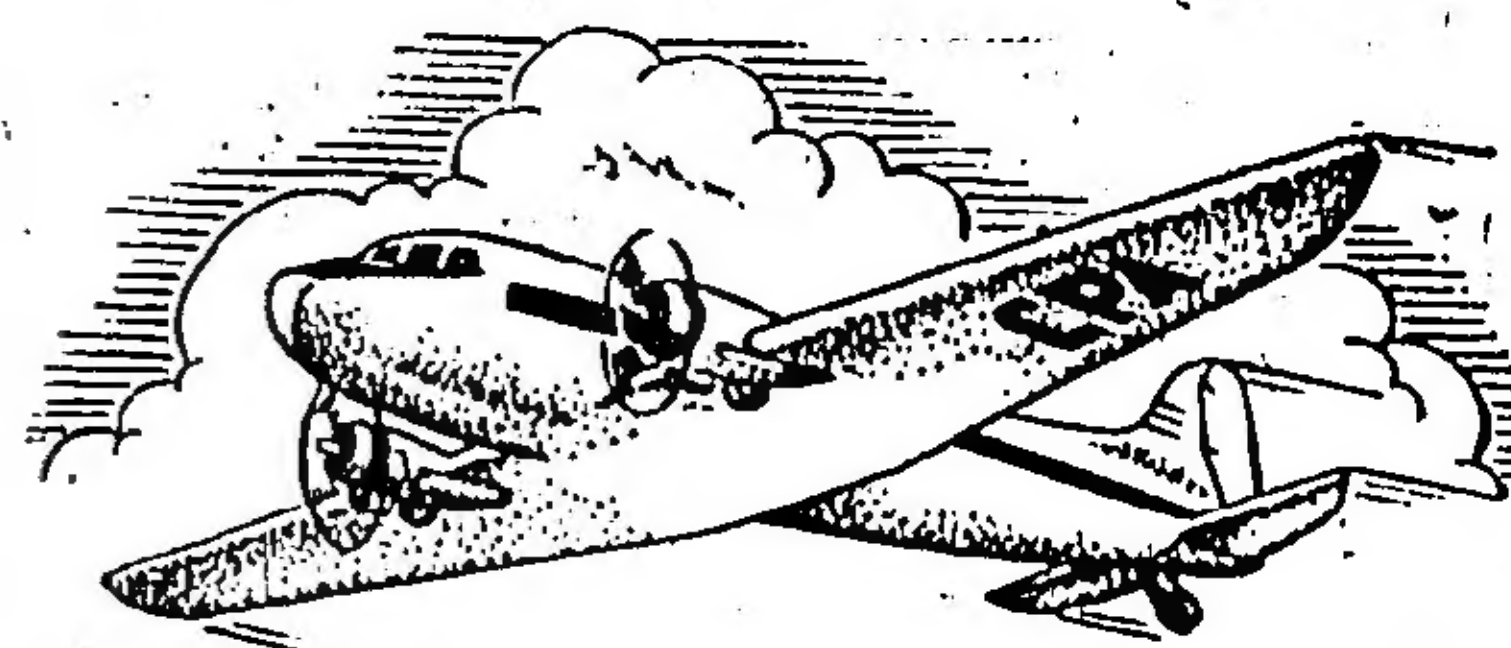
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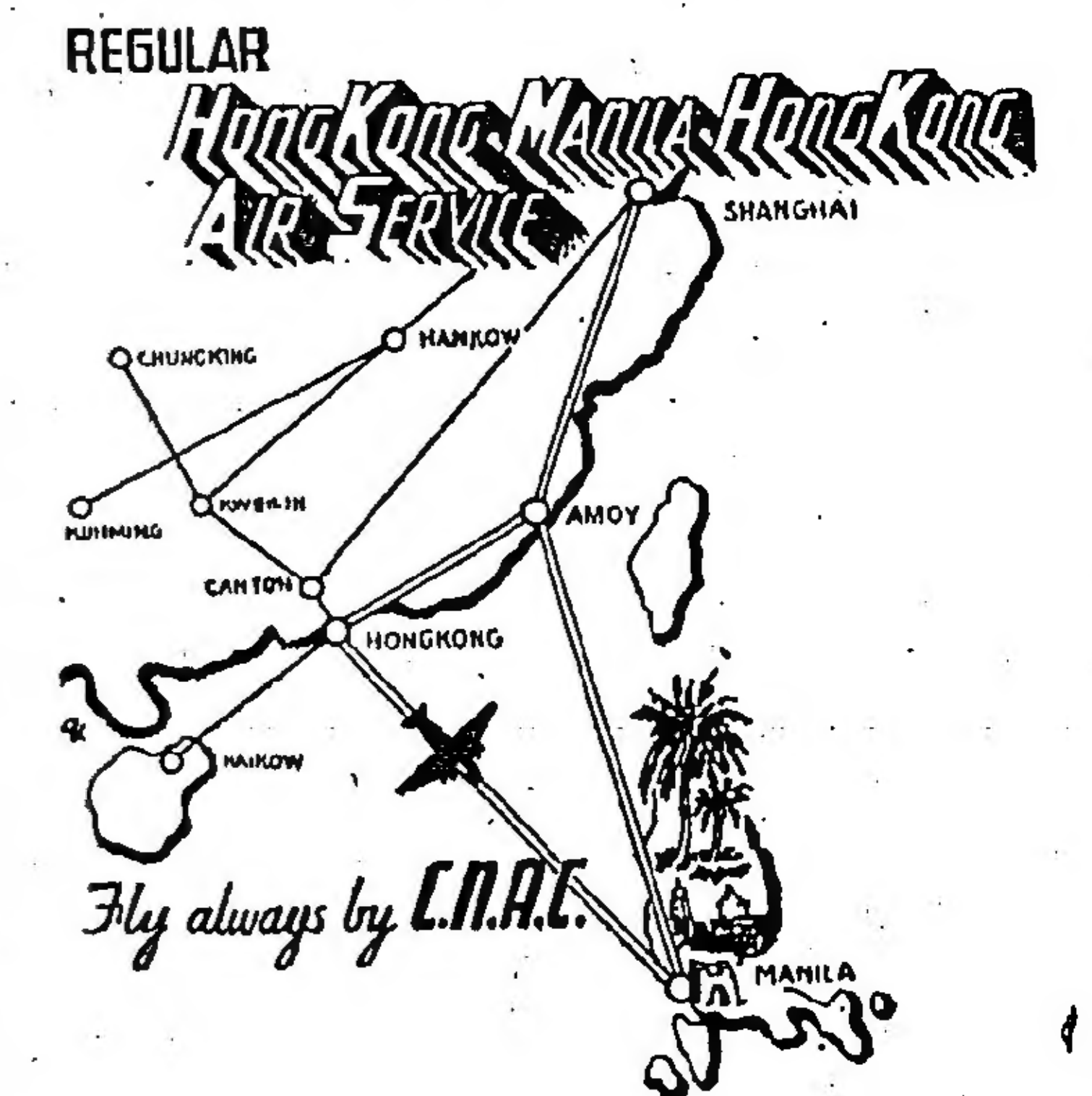
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Bevin Statement On Japanese Industrial Reparations

London, May 7.

Mr. Bevin, Foreign Secretary, answering a question in the House of Commons today about Japanese industrial equipment, said that within the framework of policy decisions of the Far Eastern Commission, General MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, was now designating Japanese industrial facilities for removal as reparations. No removals, however, had yet been made.

General MacArthur had invited all the Governments represented on the Far Eastern Commission to send official missions to Tokyo to deal with him on problems of reparations, restitution and restoration, Mr. Bevin added.

H.K. Stock Exchange

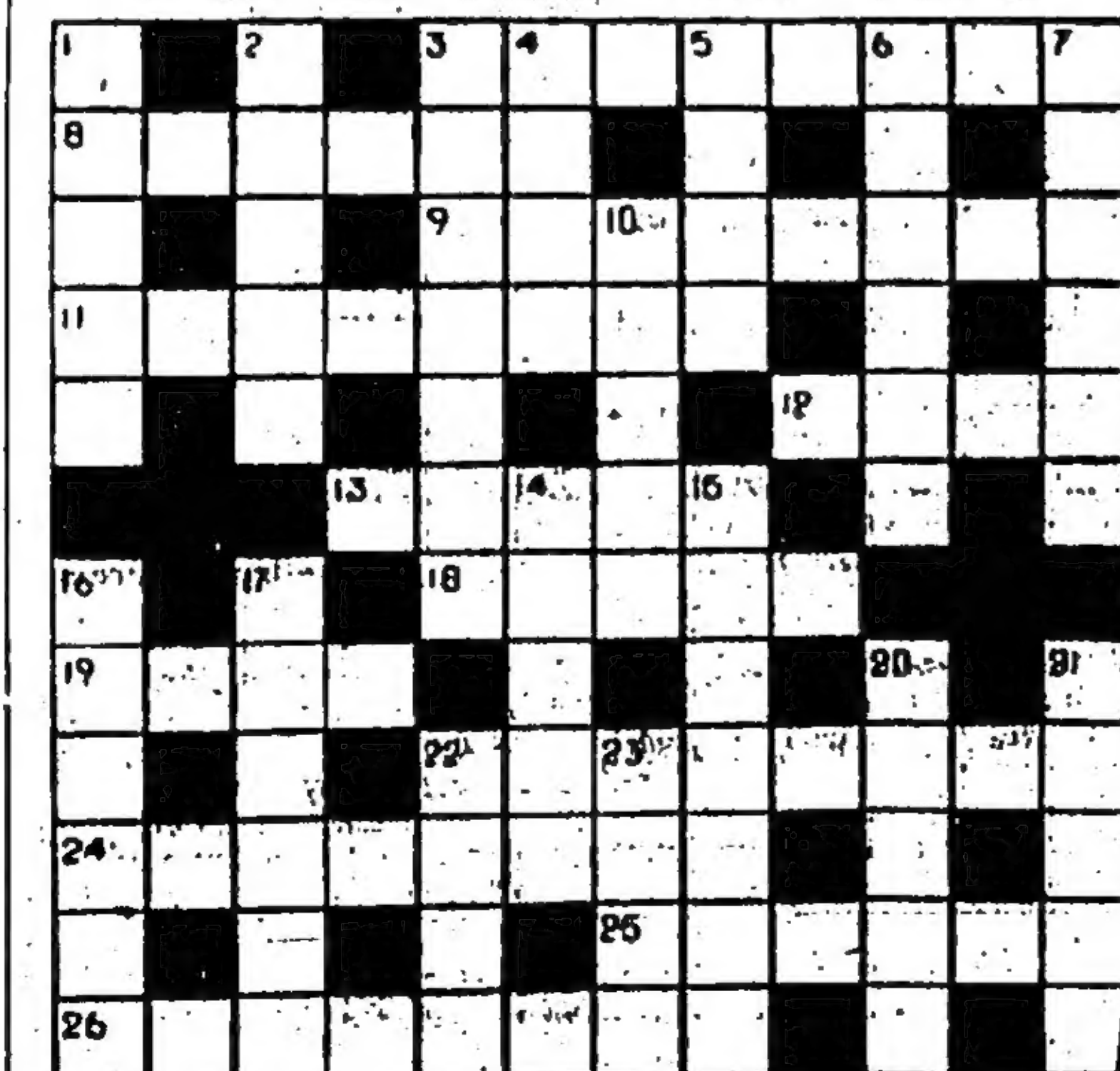
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N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 8.
Some stocks and metals advanced in a listless stock market session. Shares traded totaled 100,000. The market virtually ignored favourable earnings and dividends and an uptick in commodities. Customers awaited a clearer outlook of price resistance and labour and tax legislation.

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Clues Across

- Fortification.
- Separated.
- Adorn.
- Hellish.
- Burden.
- Introduce.
- The devil.
- Possessed.
- Abstaining from alcohol.
- Polish illness.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 3. Decamped; 7. Large; 8. Timorous; 10. Accused; 12. Deports; 15. Sire; 17. Eldest; 18. Asinine; 20. Bant; 22. Doleful; 25. Veered; 27. Trencher; 28. Choke; 29. Conoloph.

Clues Down

- Mar.
- Current.
- Reparation.
- Red Sea.
- port.
- Motive.
- Stable.
- Empero officer.
- Custom.
- Hiker.
- Native.
- drum.
- Reveal.
- Hauteur.
- Core.
- Soft.
- Feathers.
- Rescue.

SILVER MARKET

New York, May 7.
The distorted statistical situation on the silver market today broke prices by two cents per ounce. A seller representing a Mexican producer, who had not offered silver at New York for almost three months and only last week began tenders again, told Reuter he had the most difficult time in disposing of intake since last week and a considerable quantity of silver is piled up from intake.

Because the intake reached "unreasonable" proportions, this seller today decided to try and force offerings. Most prominent consumers heard what was going on and promptly adjusted both price and delivery.—Reuter.

Tel-Aviv Lawyer's Mission

Jerusalem, May 7.
Dr. Max Seligman, prominent Tel-Aviv lawyer, is scheduled to arrive in New York tomorrow afternoon on a public mission.

Dr. Seligman became widely known outside Palestine for his unavailing efforts to get a commutation of the death sentence for the Jew terrorist, David Greiner. He will take a leading part in the campaign conducted by the Asyral Zion Fund, incorporated, 140 West 52nd Street, New York, to raise money for the relief of families of the dependents of Jewish Palestinian political detainees and deportees in Palestine and Kenya.

Dr. Seligman, born in Cardiff, in 1903, settled in Palestine in 1921 and began his law practice 17 years ago.

Dr. Seligman said, before his departure today on the direct Palestine-New York T.W.A. plane:

"I feel strongly about the inequities of the iron-fisted military rule over Palestine. I think that much of the recent legislation is incompatible with Britain's mandate. I shall endeavour to challenge these draconic laws before an appropriate international tribunal."—Reuter.

World Bank Loan To France Soon

Washington, May 7.
A high official of the International Bank for Reconstruction disclosed to Reuter today a definite agreement on the granting of a \$250,000,000 World Bank loan to France. "This will be made within a day or so—certainly pretty soon."

The official said that a meeting of the Bank's board was being held later today when the final decision might be expected.

The \$250,000,000 loan would be the first instalment on the request for \$500,000,000 application that France made many months ago. The loan would be the first one granted by the Bank since its inception.

The final discussions between the Bank and the French authorities here have been conducted by Mr. Christian Valensi, Financial Counsellor at the French Embassy, and Mr. Wilfred Baumgartner, head of the Credit National.

The official declined to speculate on the possible effect of the loan decision of any new and drastic political developments inside France. It is considered possible in well informed quarters, however, that such a development might force further postponement in the Bank's already long delayed decision.—Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, May 8.
The "Fred C. Alpersworth" arrived from Okinawa and the "William James" from Yokohama. There were no San Francisco-Oriental ship movements.—Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, May 7.
Buenos Aires already short of local periodicals through a distribution dispute, faced a newspaper strike as well tonight when an ultimatum by the printers unions to the publishers was due to expire. The printers demanded higher pay and improved working conditions.—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange

London, May 7.
The recent upward trend of the markets was given a fresh stimulus by Chancellor Dalton's statement regarding overseas indebtedness and also by the strong Cabinet measures to combat the unofficial strike movement.

The strength of British Government securities was the outstanding feature of the day but the all-round advance in Industrials was a close second. The behaviour of the market for South African gold shares was again encouraging in spite of the sharp falling off in active interest in the final stages.

Coppers showed more promise and oils returned to the picture with Anglo-Iranians and Trinidad Leaseholds featured. The commodity share market was dull. Teas were on offer partly on Indian account and rubbers eased in sympathy with the fall in price of the commodity.

The rally in Brazilian rails was not sustained and Argentine rails also turned easier.

The only movement of note among foreigners was a slightly firmer trend to Japanese on Mr. Dalton's promise that holders of sterling bonds would be considered when the peace treaty is formulated.—Reuter.

Egypt Asks For US Loan

Cairo, May 7.
Egypt has asked the United States for a loan of \$88,000,000 "to stabilise the Egyptian pound," the Finance Minister, Pasha Abdul Maguid Hadr, announced today.

He said that no reply had yet been received from Washington. He told pressmen that Egypt was ready to repay the loan over a period of 15 years.

The Finance Minister explained that the loan was required to bring gold cover to 25 per cent of the note issue. The present circulation totalled 140 million Egyptian pounds and the Government's cover was 13 million Egyptian pounds, he said.—Reuter.

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